

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and reexamination of this application.

Claim 1 has been revised editorially. Revision in claim 1 is supported by, for example, page 23, lines 2-14 of the Specification. Claims 5-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

There is no new matter. Claims 1-4 are pending.

Specification Objections

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding Page 45 line 23, the term could be written as "...slits 169a, 169a..."

Regarding Page 49 line 13, the term could be written as "...cover-like member 191..."

Regarding Page 54 line 19, the term could be written as "...bolts 221..."

The specification has been revised to correct the reference numbers. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Drawing Objections

The drawings are objected to because of the following informalities:

Figures 23-30 should be designated by a legend such as —Prior Art—because only that which is old is illustrated.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: Reference No. 652 in Figure 26.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "222" has been used to designate both bolts [Page 58 line 8] and nuts [Page 55 line 24].

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "49" has been used to designate both mounting part [Page 7 line 26] and retainer [Page 28 line 11].

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "43" has been used to designate both fuel tank body [Page 8 line 3] and nuts [Page 28 line 13].

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "51" has been used to designate both supporting part [Page 7 line 26] and bolts [Page 30 line 3].

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "52" has been used to designate both hollow space [Page 8 line 1] and tank body [Page 30 lines 5-6].

Figures 23-30 have been revised by designating "Prior Art" in each figure. Reference characters 652, 656 and 658 that are not mentioned in the description have been removed from Figure 26.

The reference characters 43, 49, 51, 52, 57 and 58 at pages 7-8 of the specification have been corrected to 943, 949, 951, 952, 957 and 958, respectively to address the rest of objections. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that at least part of the plastic container body is made of a barrier material. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claim 1 has been amended to be definite and should be allowable. Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and are allowable therewith.

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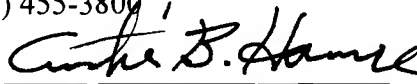
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 1-4 at an early date is solicited. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Curtis B. Hamre, Reg. No. 29,165 at (612) 455-3802.



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